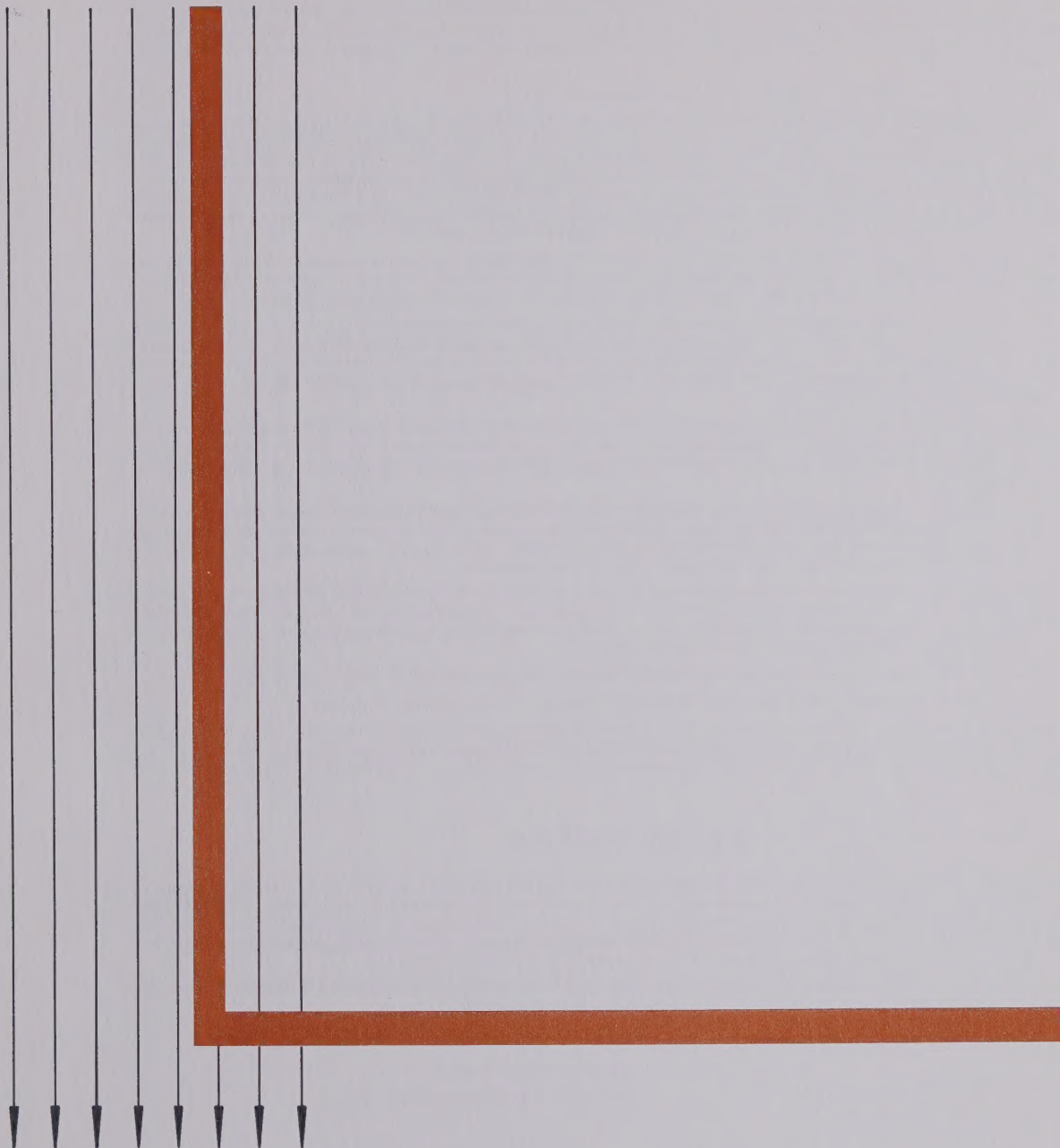


INSTRUCTION MANUAL

MODEL 860
Decimal Counting Unit



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SECTION 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Model 860 DCU is a plug-in electronic counting unit using solid state components mounted on a printed circuit board. The unit provides a count of input pulses from zero to nine, each count being represented by output signals in binary (1-2-4-8) coded decimal form. With an Electroluminescent Storage Unit this binary-coded output can be converted into a decimal digit display of the registered count.

At every tenth input pulse, the DCU generates an output signal suitable to drive a Model 850 or a Model 860 DCU. Thus, any number of these units can be cascaded (the output of one connected to the input of the next) to form a counter whose total count capacity depends only on the number of DCU's.

Since each DCU generates one output pulse for every ten input pulses, these units can also be used as decade frequency dividers.

1.2 TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Count Indication

Binary-coded decimal (1-2-4-8) electrical signals.

Input Requirements

Positive pulse or voltage step, 6 volts to 8 volts amplitude (+7.0 recommended), 10 nanoseconds rise-time. Pulse duration 30 nanoseconds, minimum.

Counting Rate

2.5 megacycles, maximum

Output Characteristics

1-2-4-8 permuted binary code

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Output available from one side of each binary. Voltage levels -0.2 volts and -13.0 volts. Binaries designed to drive maximum of 2 ma through 7.5 K to the negative supply of -15 volts.

Carry pulse output designed to drive a following Model 860 DCU or Model 850 DCU.

Designed to drive 1.5 ma into Electroluminescent Storage Unit from "off" side of binaries.

Reset Requirements

Negative pulse or voltage level change. Reset time held at 0 volts. At reset, line is driven to -10 volts for 10 microseconds.

Power Requirements

45 ma at -15 volts and 4.0 ma at +10 volts.

Transfer Time

100 nanoseconds between application of tenth input pulse and start of output pulse.

Transistors

Germanium, two 2N960 and six 2N968. Soldered into circuit.

Demensions

1 2 inch wide, 3-11/16 inches high, 3-5/32 inches deep.

Weight

1-1/2 oz.

Connector Required

UCINITE 119510-MP-15C. Beckman 20N 680 815353.

SECTION 2

OPERATION

2.1 MOUNTING THE UNIT

The DCU plugs into a 15-pin printed-card connector. Typical connector: Ucinite 119510-MP-15C.

2.2 SUPPLYING POWER

Ordinarily, the unit operates with supply voltages of -15 volts and +10 volts. The negative voltage supply connects to pin K of the DCU connector, and the positive supply to pin J. Supply voltage tolerance $\pm 10\%$.

2.3 SUPPLYING INPUT SIGNALS

Connect the input signal to pin C of the DCU connector. The unit registers a count each time a pulse +6 to +8 volts in amplitude (with a minimum width of 30 nanoseconds and a 10 nanoseconds rise time) is applied to the input terminal.

Pin A (capacitor bypass) provides an alternate input. If used, this input should be driven through an external capacitor.

2.4 USING OUTPUT SIGNALS

Each of the DCU's four binaries supply readout signals in two forms: with a B- supply of -15 volts, -0.3 volts with respect to ground (pin S) for a binary "one", and -12 volts with respect to ground for a binary "zero". The binary states of "one" or "zero" indicate the registered count in 1-2-4-8 binary coded decimal. Each readout line will supply a maximum steady state current of 2 ma into a load connected to B-. Table 1 represents the binary state for each registered count from 0 to 9.

The readout signals at terminals D, F, M, and P, can be used to drive the Electroluminescent Storage Unit for a visual indication of the registered count. In addition, the output signal produced at terminal R each time the count goes from 9 to 0 can drive either a Model 850 or 860 DCU or other circuitry.

Table 1. State of the Binaries

DECIMAL DIGIT REGISTERED	FIRST BINARY STAGE (Weight 1)	SECOND BINARY STAGE (Weight 2)	THIRD BINARY STAGE (Weight 4)	FOURTH BINARY STAGE (Weight 8)
0	0	0	0	0
1	1	0	0	0
2	0	1	0	0
3	1	1	0	0
4	0	0	1	0
5	1	0	1	0
6	0	1	1	0
7	1	1	1	0
8	0	0	0	1
9	1	0	0	1

Use Table 1 to convert a coded digit to a decimal digit. Note the weight of each column in which a "1" appears, then sum the weights. For example, the coded digit "1010" is equivalent to $1+0+4+0=5$; and "1001" is equivalent to $1+0+0+8=9$.

2.5 RESETTING DCU TO ZERO

Reset lines H, L, and N are clamped at zero volts while the DCU counts. Applying a negative pulse to lines H and L (line N clamped at zero volts) resets the DCU to zero. If desired, the DCU can be set to 9 by applying a negative pulse to lines L and N (line H clamped at zero volts). A 1 micro-second, -10 volt pulse is necessary to effect reset. The reset pulse can be generated either electronically by transistor circuitry or mechanically through relay contacts.

SECTION 3

CIRCUITS

3.1 THE BINARIES

The decimal counting unit consists of four binaries, each comprising a pair of p-n-p transistors, connected in a scale-of-ten circuit. The binaries have two stable states and are alternately triggered from one state to the other by successive input pulses.

In a p-n-p transistor, the input impedance is low (in the order of a thousand ohms) when the base potential is negative. This low input impedance permits a base current to flow and the transistor conducts. On the other hand, a positive base potential results in a high input impedance (several hundred thousand ohms). Consequently no base current flows and the transistor is cut off.

Assume, for example, that the first binary on the schematic diagram is initially in the "zero" state. In this state, Q2 is conducting while Q1 is cut off. A positive input pulse applied through diode CR4 to the base of Q2 drives this transistor to cutoff.

The pulse applied to CR1 and CR4 has no effect on the state of Q1 since this transistor is already cut off.

As the load current in Q2 decreases, the potential on its collector approaches B-. This change in voltage level, coupled through resistor R10 and capacitor C2 to the base of transistor Q1, drives Q1 into the active region. As a result, Q1 begins to conduct, and the amplified current flowing through R1 causes the potential on the collector to fall to almost zero. Under these conditions, the diode base clamp CR3 combined with the divider network R11 and R21 maintains a positive potential at the base of Q2 to keep it cut off.

The binary, now in the "one" state, remains in this stable state until the next positive input pulse arrives. At that time, Q1 cuts off, Q2 conducts, and the binary resumes its original state.

The collector of each "normally off" transistor in the four binaries connects to a corresponding terminal of the DCU connector. Thus, the change in voltage level at each collector, as the binary changes state, is available as an output signal. The change in voltage level at the collector of each "normally on" transistor is used as the drive signal to the next binary. Therefore, each binary in the DCU reverses state for every two reversals of the preceding binary.

3.2 THE SCALE-OF-TEN CIRCUIT

The scale-of-ten circuit used in the Model 860 DCU is a four-place binary counter wired so that it resets to zero on every tenth input pulse. Operation is explained in detail in the following paragraphs.

3.2.1 Initial Conditions and Circuit Fundamentals

Under initial conditions, transistors Q2, Q4, Q6, and Q8 are saturated. Transistors Q1, Q3, Q5, and Q7 are cut off. These conditions define the "zero" state for each binary.

At this point, a review of transistor binary (flip-flop) circuit fundamentals may be helpful in understanding the circuit description in the following paragraphs.

Consider the first binary, transistors Q1 and Q2. Under initial conditions, Q1 is cut off and Q2 is saturated. Transistor Q1 is held at cutoff by divider network R18, R10, and clamp CR1. A positive input pulse applied at the junction of C10 and CR1, has no effect on Q1, since it is already cut off. While Q2 is saturated, its collector is near ground potential. Now, when the positive input pulse is applied through CR4 to the base of Q2, it drives Q2 into cutoff and the collector potential rises to approximately -12 volts. This negative transient, coupled to the base of Q1 through crossover network R10 and C2, drives Q1 into saturation.

Thus, on the first input pulse, the first binary "flips" and its transistors reverse their states. But the second binary is not affected since it takes a positive output pulse from the binary to cause the second binary to flip.

But on application of the second input pulse, circuit action produces a positive output signal to flip the second binary, as follows: the positive input pulse goes through C10 to the base of Q1 to cut it off. As Q1 cuts off, its collector potential rises to approximately -12 volts. This negative transient, coupled to the base of Q2 through crossover network R11 and C3, drives Q2 into saturation. When Q2 saturates, the collector potential goes from approximately -12 volts to approximately -0.2 volts. This positive-going pulse passes through C11 and CR6 to trigger the second binary. To summarize: a positive pulse applied to the first binary will cut off the saturated transistor, and regenerative action will drive the cut off transistor into saturation. The first binary will produce a driving pulse to the second binary only when the second transistor of the first binary goes from cutoff to saturation. Thus, the first binary will produce an output pulse only on every second input pulse, even though every input pulse will reverse the state of the binary. These principles apply to all of the binaries.

3.2.2 Sequence of Operation

PULSE NO.	ACTION
1	First binary flips. Q2 turns off. No output signal.
2	First binary flips. Q2 saturates. Output pulse flips second binary. Q4 turns off.
3	First binary flips. Q2 turns off. No output signal.
4	First binary flips. Q2 saturates. Output pulse from Q2 flips second binary. Q4 saturates. Output pulse from Q4 flips third binary and Q6 cuts off.
5	First binary flips. Q2 turns off. No output pulse from Q2.
6	First binary flips. Q2 saturates. Output signal from Q2 flips second binary. Q4 turns off. No output pulse from Q4.
7	First binary flips. No output signal from Q2.
8	First binary flips. Q2 saturates. Output pulse from Q2 flips second binary. Q4 saturates. Output pulse from Q4 flips third binary. Q6 saturates. Output pulse from Q6 flips fourth binary. Q8 cuts off. Negative 12 volts at collector of Q8 is applied to CR 9 and CR6 closing the gate.
9	First binary flips. No output from Q2.
10	First binary flips. Q2 saturates. Output signal from Q2 is blocked from second binary by closed gate CR9 and CR6. So it goes through C14 and CR9 to flip the fourth binary. Q8 saturates. The output pulse from Q8 goes to DCU output pin R.

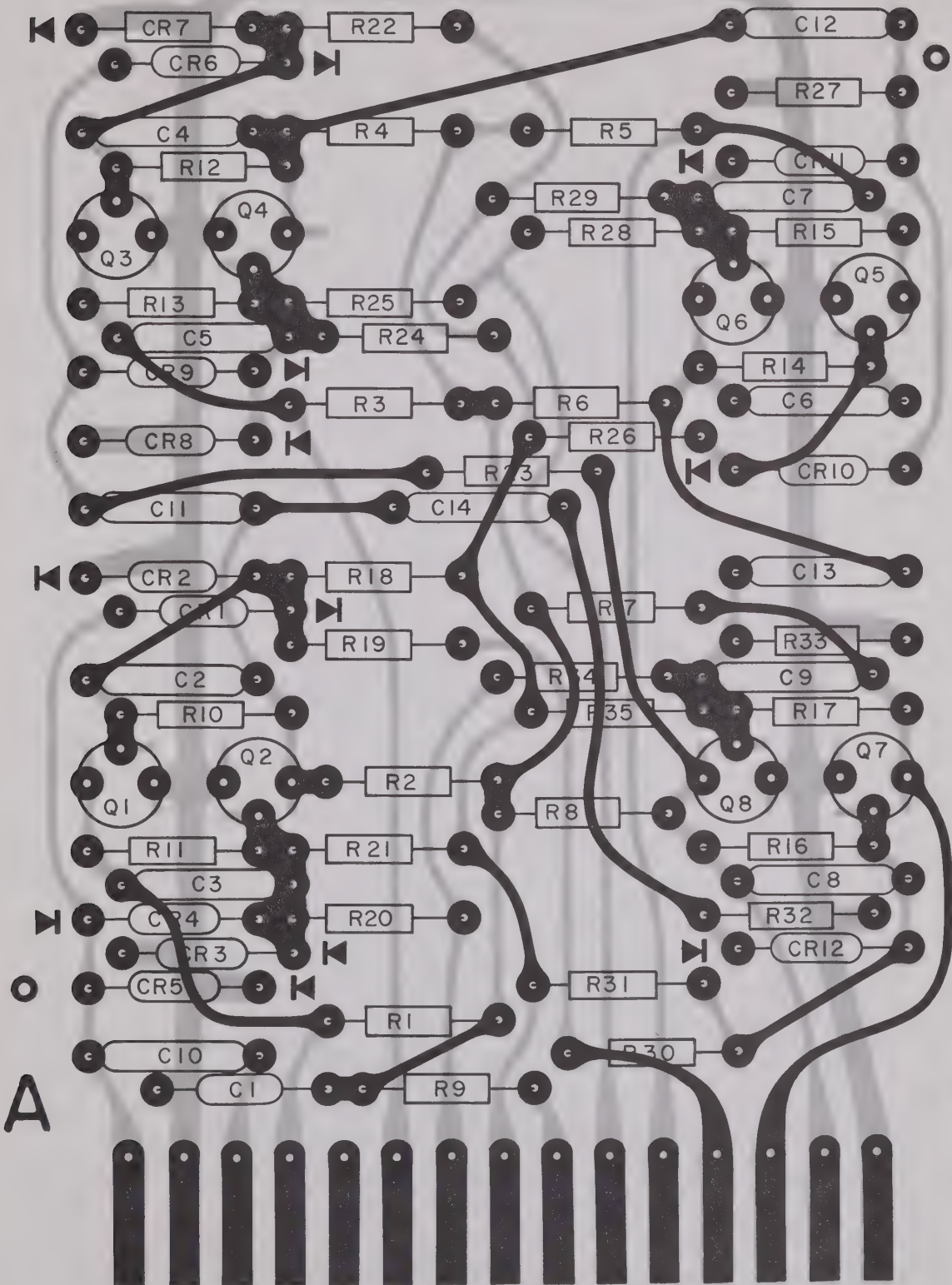
3.2.3 Summary

At the tenth input pulse, all four binaries are in the "zero" state and the DCU is ready for the next counting cycle. The positive output signal from transistor Q8, produced when the counter goes from nine to zero, can drive a Model 860 or 850 DCU. Thus, the counter will supply one input pulse to the next DCU for every ten counts registered.

The number of counts registered by the DCU is represented in binary-coded decimal form by the potentials on the readout line of the binaries.

Reset lines H and L connect through corresponding resistors to the base of the normally-on transistors (Q2, Q4, Q6, and Q8) in each binary. A negative voltage pulse applied to these reset lines will cause the normally-on transistors to conduct and trigger all binaries to the zero state.

Reset line N connects through a corresponding resistor to the base of the normally-off transistors Q1 and Q7. When a negative pulse is applied to line N, transistors Q1 and Q7 are turned on setting the 1st and 4th binaries to the "one" state. Applying a reset pulse to lines N and L simultaneously will set the DCU to the binary state of "1001", which is equivalent to 9.



MODEL 860 DCU COMPONENT LAYOUT

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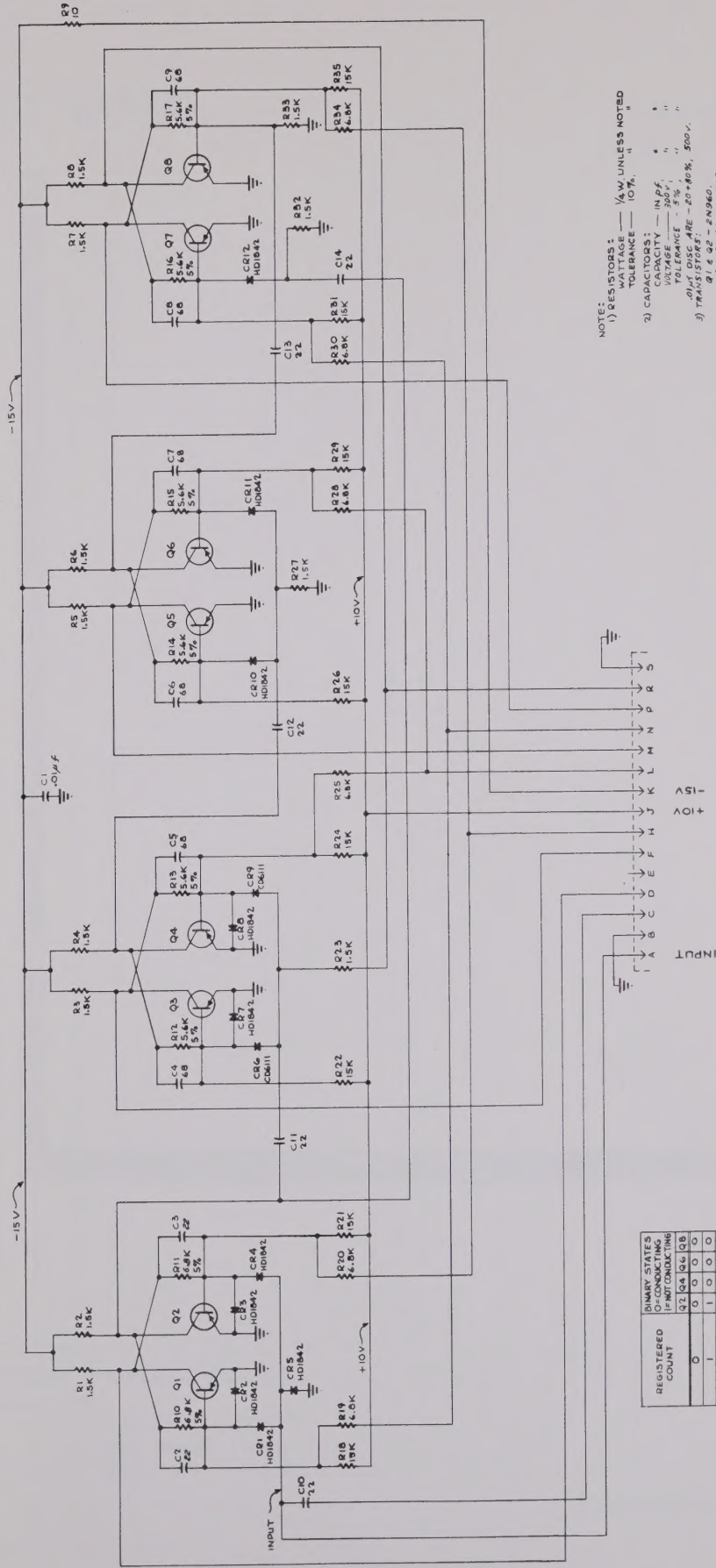
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<u>Detail No.</u>	<u>Beckman Stock No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Qty./ Ass'y</u>
C1	633-804717	Capacitor, F. Cerm., 0.01 μ f, 500V	1
C2	637-824008	Capacitor, F. Mica, 22pf, 300V, 5%	7
C3		Same as C2	
C4	637-824014	Capacitor, F. Mica, 68pf, 300V, 5%	6
C5 thru C9		Same as C4	
C10 thru C14		Same as C2	
CR1	755-824300	Diode, Germanium, type HD1842	10
CR2 thru CR5		Same as CR1	
CR6	755-815561	Diode, Silicon, 75PIV, 10 ma, 1V min. fwd.	2
CR7 & CR8		Same as CR1	
CR9		Same as CR6	
CR10 thru CR12		Same as CR1	
Q1	755-824880	Transistor, Germanium, PNP, 150mw	2
Q2		Same as Q1	
Q3	755-817587	Transistor, Germanium, PNP, 150mw	6
Q4 thru Q8		Same as Q3	
R1	601-823112	Resistor, F. Comp., 1.5K, 1/4W, 10%	12
R2 thru R8		Same as R1	

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<u>Detail No.</u>	<u>Beckman Stock No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Qty. / Ass'y</u>
R9	601-823917	Resistor, F. Comp. , 10Ω, 1/4W, 10%	1
R10	601-822299	Resistor, F. Comp. , 6.8K, 1/4W, 5%	2
R11		Same as R10	
R12	601-822397	Resistor, F. Comp. , 5.6K, 1/4W, 5%	6
R13 thru R17		Same as R12	
R18	601-823107	Resistor, F. Comp. , 15K, 1/4W, 10%	8
R19	601-823945	Resistor, F. Comp. , 6.8K, 1/4W, 10%	6
R20		Same as R19	
R21 & R22		Same as R18	
R23		Same as R1	
R24		Same as R18	
R25		Same as R19	
R26		Same as R18	
R27		Same as R1	
R28		Same as R19	
R29		Same as R18	
R30		Same as R19	
R31		Same as R18	
R32 & R33		Same as R1	
R34		Same as R19	
R35		Same as R18	
	864-412958	Pad, Transistor	8

MODEL 860 DCU SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM



- NOTE:
- 1) RESISTORS: 1/4W UNLESS NOTED
TOLERANCE — 10%
CAPACITY — IN P.F.
VOLTAGE — 350V
TOLERANCE — 20%
2) CAPACITORS:
CAPACITY — IN P.F.
VOLTAGE — 350V
TOLERANCE — 20%
3) TRANSISTORS:
Q1 & Q2 — 2N960
Q3 THRU Q8 — 2N960

REGISTERED COUNT	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
7	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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